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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT

for the year 1950

BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ROTHERWICK.

July 1951.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1950.

STATISTICS

Population - 16,670.

		Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	225	102	123	Birth Rate - 17.0 (Eng. & Wales - 15.8)
	Illegitimate	12	8	4	
Still Births		4			Rate per 1,000 total births - 16
Deaths		153	82	71	Death Rate - 8.0 (Eng. & Wales - 11.6)

Death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births - 33 (Eng. & Wales - 29.8)

There were 59 deaths due to heart and arterial diseases.
22 " " " cancer.
8 " " " pneumonia.
6 " " " suicide and violence.
2 " " " tuberculosis.
2 " " " influenza.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever	11.
Pneumonia	10.
Erysipelas	2.
Measles.	7.
Whooping cough	7.
Dysentery	4.
Poliomyelitis	2.
Tuberculosis-Respiratory	11.
Other Forms	6.

The amount of infectious diseases was much less than the average.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 139 infants received this treatment - 204 school children received reinforcing doses.

WATER.

It is estimated that 46% of the dwelling houses in the district are connected to water mains; standpipes are few.

The Council's schemes for extensions of piped supplies progressed.

101 water samples were analysed; 45 were unsatisfactory and in these cases steps were taken to obtain a satisfactory supply.

Samples of all the public supplies have given satisfactory results on analysis.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

New houses completed since 1945:-

Private buildings - 106.

Council " - 158.

Number of houses repaired in consequence of informal action (year 1950) - 108.

RIVERS POLLUTION PREVENTION.

Steps were taken to prevent pollution of streams in 19 cases.

SCAVENGING

The Council possesses two 10 cubic yard Dennis Refuse Collection Vehicles, and refuse collections are carried out fortnightly throughout the district, with the exception of a few of the smaller parishes where collections are made monthly. Refuse is taken to a controlled tip at Sherborne St. John.

Salvage collections during the year amounted to:-

Paper -	46 tons	3 cwts	1 qr	11 lbs.
Bones -	1 "	0 "	2 "	23 "
Rags -	1 "	12 "	0 "	11 "
Scrap iron -	8 "	0 "	0 "	0 "
Other metals -		9 "	1 "	27 "

Bottles & jars - 154½ doz.

Value of salvage collected - £328.

The Council have a Dennis Cesspool Emptying Vehicle which meets a real need.

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FOOD INSPECTION & SUPERVISION.

Bakehouses - Periodical inspections of the 7 bakehouses are made.

Unsound Food - 1,400 lbs. of unsound foods were surrendered and condemned during the year.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Eight new licences were issued during the year. The sanitary condition of the sites remains satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT,

Medical Officer of Health.